

1000 died in Rhodesian raid

DAR ES SALAAM, Aug. 17, (R). — Rhodesian troops killed up to 1,000 people in their raid on a refugee camp inside Mozambique last week, the official Mozambican news agency said today.

"At least 670 were slaughtered in the attack," the agency reported. "Medical staff on the scene believe the total death toll is at least 800 and may well reach 1,000."

Rhodesia has said its troops killed more than 300 black nationalists in the raid.

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West Bank villagers protest fencing-in of Arab land

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17, (R). — Residents of the village of Abu Dis, on the Israeli-occupied West Bank have protested to foreign consulates and the International Red Cross against the fencing-in of 500 acres (200 hectares) of Arab land by Israeli authorities.

The villagers told Reuters yesterday they planned to build a model housing complex on the hilltop site, which is too barren to be cultivated.

Israeli sources claimed the site was enclosed "in preparation for the construction of apartments for Arabs from Abu Dis and nearby Jerusalem."

But the villagers said they had never heard of the government's plans and want to build their own houses.

The site was a Jordanian Arab Legion camp until captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Meanwhile, shops in the West Bank remained closed as the strike against the Israeli value-added tax was well into its third week.

Police detained 10 religious seminary students today when they held a prayer meeting in a one-time Jewish hospital in the town of Hebron.

They were released after being charged with trespass, like 23 students who tried to pray in the same abandoned building yesterday.

Rabbi Moshe Franco, 80, of Jerusalem, claims ownership of the two-storey building in the name of the Jewish community which lived in Hebron before the 1948 war.

Rabbi Franco has said he has given the building to the Jewish residents of the Kiryat Arba suburb of Hebron, to be used as a synagogue or religious seminary.

The military governor has warned Jewish settlers he will continue to order police to remove trespassers.

President Ford tipped Chamoun delivers ultimatum to Palestinian



PREPARING FOR VICTORY — American President Ford waves as he departs from the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City Monday night, where he attended a reception for House minority leader John Rhodes, prior to the Republican Convention. (AP wirephoto).

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Aug. 17, (R). — President Ford has now collected enough votes to win the Republican Party's presidential nomination, the three major U.S. television networks reported today. Each network, announcing the results of polls taken among delegates, said the president had passed the total of 1,130 votes needed to win the party's nomination at its convention here tomorrow night. Mr. Reagan still hopes however that if he can force Mr. Ford into revealing his choice of running mate before the party nominates its presidential candidate tomorrow night he can draw off some of the president's support.

The choice of a southern conservative candidate, such as former Texas Governor John Connally, could upset some northern party liberals — and a reverse situation could also harm Mr. Ford if announced in advance.

Mr. Reagan has already revealed his vice-presidential choice — Senator Richard Schweiker, a liberal from Pennsylvania.

The former California governor also planned to ask the convention to amend its stated foreign policy, making it critical of certain aspects of Mr. Ford's policy towards the Soviet Union.

Indirectly attacking the president for refusing to meet Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the amendment says "we recognize and commend the great beacon of human courage."

Sismik starts most daring voyage today

ANKARA, Aug. 17, (AFP) — The Turkish oil prospecting vessel Sismik-1 will sail tomorrow midnight (21:00 GMT) for the Aegean Sea and will sail to zones claimed by Greece, authoritative sources said here today.

The United Nations Security Council postponed its debate, scheduled for this morning, on the Greek-Turkish dispute to enable both sides to have further consultations with European Council members.

Greek sources said Greece was willing to accept a resolution calling on both sides to negotiate provided Turkey halted the Sismik-1 sailings.

The Turkish National Security Council met for six hours here today to discuss what an official communiqué called "Sismik-1's activities in the Aegean Sea and their political repercussions."

Authoritative sources said the vessel would weigh anchor in its home port, Izmir, at midnight tomorrow before starting a five-day voyage in the Aegean, its third. The vessel would sail over parts

of the continental shelf claimed as Greek territory towards the end of the week.

Diplomatic sources in New York said Britain, France and Italy, — the European nations currently on the 13-nation Security Council — had put general ideas for a draft resolution to the Greek and Turkish Foreign Ministers but there had been no concrete result so far.

The Security Council was to have met today to discuss Greek complaints about Sismik-1, but there was little common ground between the two sides.

Turkey has said it will agree to an International Court hearing only after bilateral talks with Greece to determine what the points of the dispute are.

The Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister, Selahattin Kilic, attended today's National Security Council meeting, even though he is not a member of the council, a consultative body comprising civilian and military figures.

alleged yesterday that a man identifying himself as a Reagan supporter had offered her 2,500 dollars to switch her support from Mr. Ford to Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan had said it was not true that Mrs. Goodlow and another Illinois delegate had been offered bribes to switch to him. "I think it stinks," he said.

A nervous Mrs. Goodlow, who says she did not accept any money, stood up at today's meeting and told Mr. Reagan: "The things I said are true. I am not lying."

Mr. Reagan replied: "I don't know who is trying to do what with these stories. I favour an investigation."

Another member of the Illinois delegation, who did not wish to be named, later told reporters that Mrs. Goodlow may have been talking about him. He said he had tried to convince her to switch her support but at no time had he mentioned money.

Further arrests underway in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 17, (AFP) — South African police today arrested more black student leaders and journalists and broke up student demonstrations while most schools and colleges remained empty.

School directors in Soweto, the sprawling township housing more than one million Africans outside Johannesburg, issued a communiqué saying students were scared to attend classes, fearing the police would kill them.

The authorities meanwhile held a meeting with the Soweto Students' Representative Council (SSRC) which organised demonstrations last week.

An SSRC official urged students to go back to schools and to sit for the examinations since the authorities refused to postpone them.

Police used teargas today to disperse about 500 student demonstrators from a rugby field at Kwaazale secondary school, near Port Elizabeth.

In another part of the city, police broke up a demonstration by coloured students of mixed race, held in sympathy "with families who lost their loved ones in this country's cruel shooting."

More than 200 people have died during clashes between police and demonstrators that began in Soweto in mid-June.

W. German mark firms up

BRUSSELS, Aug. 17, (AFP). — The Belgian Finance Ministry today flatly denied rumours that Finance Ministers of the countries taking part in the European "snake" would meet for emergency talks here tonight.

The rumours began circulating late this afternoon amid a renewed wave of speculation in London, Frankfurt and Zurich on an imminent devaluation of the West German mark.

Central banks again spent heavily today in order to keep the "snake" currencies inside their maximum fluctuation bands of 2.25 per cent.

Philippines quake, tidal waves kill 1,800

LONDON, Aug. 17, (R). — A series of mighty spasms from below the crust of the earth today left hundreds of people dead and put thousands under sentence of catastrophe yet to come.

A devastating earthquake and tidal wave killed almost 1,800 people in the southern Philippines.

It was the worst earth tremor recorded in modern times in the Philippines, which lies in an active earthquake belt. It eclipsed comparable shocks in 1862, when 300 people died, and 1968, when 321 lost their lives.

A major earthquake hit China for the second time in three weeks. Chinese authorities said strong shocks were felt in Chentu, a city of three million people, but did not give any details of casualties or damage.

Across the world, in the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, 70,000 people evacuated from their homes awaited the predicted nuclear-force eruption of a rumbling volcano.

The Philippines earthquake hit the sleeping scattered islands on the shores of the Celebes Sea in the small hours of Tuesday (just after 1600 GMT Monday).

It was the resulting 15 foot (five metre) high tidal wave sweeping over the islands of Mindanao, Sulu, Basilan and Tawi which apparently claimed most lives.

President Ferdinand Marcos tonight declared a state of emergency as the known death toll rose to 1,800 and reports of more casualties came in by the hour.

Dozens of buildings were demolished by the quake and 11 lesser aftershocks. Thousands of people were homeless.

China tonight reported that its latest quake rocked a mountainous region near the borders of Szechwan and Kansu provinces.

The newly-stricken area is about 1,000 miles (1,600 km) southwest of the centre of the quake that shattered Tangshan city and killed thousands three weeks ago. It was more than 2,000 miles

Egypt arrests 4 alleged Libyan saboteurs

CAIRO, Aug. 17, (R) — Security police have arrested four alleged Libyan agents suspected of planting explosives in a train and at a bus station last June, according to the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency (MENA) today.

The agency said they were accused of planting two bombs in an Alexandria-to-Cairo train. The charges were discovered & defused. A charge they were alleged to have planted at a bus station on the Nile delta exploded.

The agency said the four men confessed they had been recruited by Libyan intelligence and trained at a camp in Tobruk, near the Egyptian border.

Quoting security officials, MENA said the four infiltrated over the border on June 29, planted the explosives and returned to Libya. Later, they came back to Egypt the same way, the agency said.

On Saturday, eight people were killed and more than 50 injured when an explosive charge ripped through a third class carriage of a passenger train in Alexandria.

Earlier, 14 people were hurt when an explosion damaged the fifth floor of a government office block in Cairo.

Egyptian police blamed Libyan intelligence for both incidents. Libya has denied the accusations.

BEIRUT, Aug. 17, (AFP). — Camille Chamoun, leader of the National Liberal Party, today warned the Palestinians that if they did not evacuate the Lebanese mountain some 30 km (18 miles) northeast of Beirut, "we shall take them by force." Mr. Chamoun issued his ultimatum a meeting with President Suleiman Franjeh. Answering reporter's question, he reiterated that the rightwing "Lebanese Front" intended to "liberate the whole of Lebanon from the Palestinian occupation."

He also expressed the belief that Mr. Franjeh, whose term runs out next Sept. 23, would stay in office until that date.

In the mountain sector itself, shooting continued today, but reports from the front, which stretches about 20 km (12 miles) from the southeast to the northeast of Beirut, remained fragmentary and contradictory.

Rightist forces in the sector are trying to recapture from the leftists and Palestinians a number of villages and towns governing access to the Christian city of Zahle in the central Lebanese plain of Bekaa.

Today the rightists announced that armoured forces were heading toward one of the sector's towns B'hamdum, about 20 km (12 miles) from Beirut.

The leftwing and Palestinian forces' spokesmen however dismissed the announcement as "psychological warfare" aimed at "sowing doubts in the ranks of the (leftwing) Lebanese National Movement and creating the belief that the combatants of the Lebanese mountain are caught between a crossfire."

The leftwing radio — mean reported that the rightist had led leftwing and Palestinian troops in the Jezzin region in eastern Lebanon.

At the same time, leftwing forces here said that Libya might launch a "joint initiative" to convince all aid apply the recent Syrian-Palestine agreement.

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At Colombo conference

Unified Vietnam demands U.S. aid for post-war reconstruction



ADDRESSING CONFERENCE — President Tito of Yugoslavia addresses the fifth Non-Aligned Summit Conference in Colombo today. (AP wirephoto).

COLOMBO, Aug. 17, (R). — Vietnam offered today to normalise relations with the United States, but insisted America helps post-war reconstruction.

Mr. Pham Van Dong, Vietnam's prime minister, made the offer in a speech to the Fifth Non-Aligned Summit Conference where the U.S. and other Western powers were much criticised.

A long list of speakers, led by President Tito of Yugoslavia, including leaders of India, Syria, Nepal, Burma and North Korea, denounced the role of development mainly Western nations in the political military and economic affairs of the world.

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erring to H.M. King Hussein relayed through the U.S. artificial satellite, Al His Majesty, who spoke the Royal Scientific Society, seized the occasion to taut Jordan, its hopes and as, and its modest achievement in the field of development, as its ambitious aims for future, as a small country try-grow up with its own effort its faith in a world dom-by peace and justice.

tal commends Jordan for be- first Arab country to use raw benefit from the mode-logy by constructing — king has explained — an satellite station "which dra-closer to the world, and en-us to utilise modern techno-or oil prospecting and explo-of other mineral and nat-esources."

Dustour and Al Shaab took Colombo non-aligned sum-s subject for comment. Al, ur gave prominence to the ghts" spelled out by the con-e chairman and Sri Lanka-er Mrs. Bandaranaike in her ural address, for solving Thi-rd problems.

paper thinks the most sal-oints in Mrs. Bandaranaike's s were her call for the est-ment of a world commercial

bank for the Third World, the de-claration of the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, entailing the withdrawal of the great powers' fleets from the region and the recognition of the Palestine people's rights.

She also demanded that the concept of international detente and security must take into consideration the interests of the rich and the poor, of the strong and the weak... "This call implies the participation of all countries of the world in moulding the economic and political structure of the world. It also implies that the two superpowers should not be allowed to design the world order alone, but that the whole world community should take part in this process, thus reinforcing the position of the United Nations, Al Dustour states.

On the same subject, Al Shaab thinks the regularisation of the economic dealings between the developing countries on one side, and the developed countries on the other is the first and most important responsibility facing the non-aligned conference.

The paper notes that the wide economic gap between the two sides still persists due to the continuous rise in the standard of living and the swirling prices of imported commodities and equip-

AOAD opens regional bureau

AMMAN. — The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development AOAD Tuesday opened here a regional bureau, from which it is to conduct research work and studies to develop natural and human resources for agriculture in both Jordan and Syria, in addition to developing agricultural investment means and ensure the two countries' self-sufficiency in agricultural products.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Acting Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmud, the Mayor of Amman Mohammad Toqan, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Said Ghaz-

zawi and other officials.

The head of the regional bureau, Dr. Fahd Al Ezeb a Jordanian, spoke of the Organisation's aims and achievements in the Arab countries and in particular Jordan. He said that it had supervised over the Integrated Development of Dryland Farming project in the Amman district and the Irbid Integrated Agricultural project.

The bureau he added, will soon start to collect information and statistical data on the various agricultural projects included in the five-year development plan for use by the Organisation in its research work in the other Arab countries.

The main aim of the bureau is to increase Arab agricultural production to avoid shortage in foodstuff which looms over the world. If the present rate of agricultural production he said remains the same, then, the annual deficit of the Arab countries in 1985 will reach 11 million tonnes of wheat, 2.7 million tonnes of sugar, and 617,000 tonnes of meat. Arab countries will be obliged to disburse in that case between \$51 & 74 million to purchase agricultural products.

This indicates the importance of real attempts to be made to set up a new world economic order, for the purpose of diminishing the wide disparities in per capita income in the developing and the developed countries.

Al Shaab suggests that a better world future depends on two essential mainstays complementary to each other: dissemination of economic welfare, and the establishment of a just and permanent peace. Hence the important role which the Arab bloc can play within the non-aligned association to produce these two mainstays, in view of the vast Arab human capabilities and potentialities...

What's Going On

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Prince Hassan visits prime ministry

AMMAN. — H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan Tuesday noon paid a visit to the prime ministry where he met with Prime Minister Mudar Badran.

The Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Marwan Al Kassem was present at the meeting.

New rules applied to import of electrical items

AMMAN. — Customs Centres at the borders were requested on Tuesday to withhold clearance procedures on all electrical appliances, in particular radios, recorders, and television sets, until importers have included in their clearing formalities, the serial number, type, and other characteristics of the imported goods.

The communique issued Tuesday by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance and Customs also states that the same conditions be applied to all electrical appliances carried into Jordan by individuals with their personal belongings.

Khleifawi visits Jordan pavilion

DAMASCUS. — Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Rahman Khleifawi Tuesday called for closer cooperation between Jordanian and Syrian industries, in particular be-

tween development projects in the two countries.

Mr. Khleifawi was speaking during a visit he paid Tuesday to the Jordan pavilion at the Damascus International Fair.

Red Crescent meet adopts relief measures

AMMAN. — The President of the National Red Crescent Society Dr. Ahmad Abu Qura, Tuesday returned here after attending the emergency meeting of Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies which convened in Kuwait on Saturday to discuss measures relevant to the relief of the victims of the Lebanese civil war.

Dr. Abu Qura said that the meeting had set up two committees, the first in Lebanon in which will participate the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies and the second, international, to present relief to victims in and outside Lebanon.

The meeting, he added, has also called on Arab governments to provide the societies with the necessary medicines and foodstuffs to enable them to carry out their mission.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar	331.0	333.0
U.K. sterling	591.0	597.0
French franc	66.3	66.5
Swiss franc	131.8	132.2
German mark	131.8	132.2
Iraqi dinar	945.0	955.0
Syrian pound	81.8	82.0
Egyptian pound	485.0	500.0
Lebanese pound	105.3	106.4
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8.30 Arabic series	
Channel 6:	
7.30 News in Hebrew	
7.45 Varieties	
8.30 Dr. at large	
9.00 Science report	
9.10 Play of the week	
10.00 News in English	
10.15 Gunsmoke (on both channels)	

Amman Airport

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10.30 Damascus, Aleppo	9.40 Aqaba
11.00 Cairo	9.45 Karachi, Abu Dhabi
11.15 Kuwait (KAC)	10.00 Jeddah
11.30 Kuwait	10.30 Kuwait (KAC)
11.30 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)	12.00 Bucharest (Tarom)
12.00 Vienna, Copenhagen	14.35 Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (GAA)
13.00 London	15.20 Jeddah (SAA)
13.15 Bucharest (Tarom)	16.00 Aleppo, Damascus
15.45 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GA)	17.10 Kuwait
16.45 Riyadh, Dhahran (SAA)	17.30 Cairo
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Eggplant (large): 15—35
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Potatoes (imported): 90—110
Potatoes (local): 90—110
Peaches (large): 220—260
Peaches (small): 190—220
Pears (large): 200—220
Pears (small): 160—200
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Water melon (small): 30
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2.00 News bulletin
2.15 Radio magazine
2.30 Doctor at large
3.00 Concert hour
4.00 Old favourites
4.30 Easy listening
5.00 Special feature
5.30 Pop session (Part III)
6.00 News summary
6.03 Listener's choice
6.30 Pop music U.S.A.
7.00 News bulletin
7.10 News reel
7.30 Sign off

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Britain's welfare state can be a scroungers' paradise and a system quite easy to cheat

JORDAN, Aug. 17, (R). — Even in Britain, some £200 million is paid out to Britain's poor, sick, unemployed, under a welfare system sometimes called the world's most advanced countries.

It was argued that by providing for those who genuinely could not support themselves, others would be encouraged to claim who were merely too lazy to do so. On balance, however, it was decided that it was better to ensure that nobody actually starved than that a few labourers got more than they were entitled to.

Ever since, there have been arguments about how much the government should give away to cushion the poor without actually encouraging people not to work. Britain in the seventies has been accused by some foreign observers of making its welfare state so attractive that the country's economy suffered.

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Angry comments aroused by disclosure of the loophole illustrate the depth of feeling on the matter. Conservative Member of Parliament Michael Brotherton said he was "appalled that layabouts can have a holiday in Spain on the taxpayer. All my respectable constituents demand that the time has come that only those willing to do a decent day's work for a decent day's pay are paid ... and that those who are not willing to work when jobs are available but who are willing to draw social security, be left to starve."

Mr. Iain Sproat, another conservative member, is leading a campaign for a clampdown on social security swindlers. He amassed a substantial dossier which proves without doubt that the problem is now a national scandal.

He declares that at least 20 per cent of social security payouts are fraudulent and that the number is increasing. He claims knowledge of several cases of people allegedly drawing full unemployment benefit while working or claiming other benefits by lying about their marital status, accommodation, or number of children, or else by simply refusing jobs offered because they preferred to receive unemployment pay.

It was alleged last year that a group of Irish Republican Army guerrillas may have netted £10 million of British taxpayers' money in an elaborate social security swindle.

The problem is not new. It dates from the Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 which aroused fierce debates in the parliament of its day, but which made Britain one of the world's most social-ly advanced countries.

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Many suspected fraud cases are dropped because of lack of hard evidence or witnesses.

Other ruses include wrangling with the often young and inexperienced clerks in the payment offices. One claimant said he always took his children, slapping them before going in. "They usually pay up if you've got crying kids on your hands," he explained.

One investigator appealed to the public for help. "If we chase the swindlers hard we're branded as snoopers. If we leave them alone we're encouraging scroungers," he said.

"For the future," he added, "the worry is that parents are passing on their expertise in fiddling to their children, who look upon the money as their right."

According to the T.U.C., "it is a matter of greater importance that all those who are entitled to claim benefit should do so and are not deterred by adverse publicity or prevented by administrative complications from receiving their full entitlement."

"Completely unsubstantiated claims of widespread fraud, especially at the present time in relation to the unemployed, are to be strongly condemned," it concluded.

Of course, many of the frauds discovered are petty ones, but the chief problem for investigators dealing with large scale frauds is presented by those who are working and drawing unemployment benefit at the same time, often by using fairly sophisticated schemes.

The most widespread abuse involves small companies operating in areas like docks where work is irregular. The employer allows the man time-off to sign on the unemployment register each week because this means he gets cheap labour by not having to pay national insurance contributions for the worker, while the employee gets two sets of wages tax-free.



U.N. expert: desert is encroaching on Africa

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 17, (R) — Desert sands are invading more and more African countries and threatening the loss of land badly needed for producing crops, a United Nations executive reported Saturday.

Dr. M.K. Tolbert, executive director of the U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP), said that as many as 30 African countries are now suffering from "desertification."

Before leaving for Kenya after a two-day visit to Ethiopia, he said much needed arable land would disappear under the sands unless the problem was faced boldly. He indicated that the destruction of forests was partly to blame.

Dr. Tolbert said the UNEP Regional Office for Africa, which has been temporarily based in Nairobi, Kenya, would be stationed permanently in Addis Ababa. The Ethiopian capital is already the headquarters of the U.N.'s Economic Commission for Africa and the Organisation of African Unity.

French prehistoric animal cemetery discovered

PERIGUEUX, France, Aug. 17, (AFP). — Two French potholers have found a huge prehistoric animal cemetery near here, it was announced last Friday.

Their discovery of a layer of animal bones in a cemetery 800 metres long by 40 metres wide and 25 metres high, was made on Wednesday. Experts consider the discovery as one of the most important prehistoric finds of recent years.

The bones were in a bed of calcite which has kept them well preserved.

The two potholers also discovered an underground stream which they were able to follow for about 400 metres and reported a strong current of air which suggests the existence of another huge room.

Meanwhile three other potholers have found at nearby Eyzieux several utensils and a remarkably well preserved wall painting of a mammoth.

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(CSM). — The farmer bends to his task. Into the ground goes a slender green seedling. Once more there will be food for Asia to eat.

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crop in the world rests on so fragile a base. Insects, weeds, and extremes of weather can whittle down its yields.

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Asia has been beset by land wars for all but one of the last 36 years. It is no mere coincidence that the new regimes in Cambodia and Vietnam, as one of their first acts have directed the pe-

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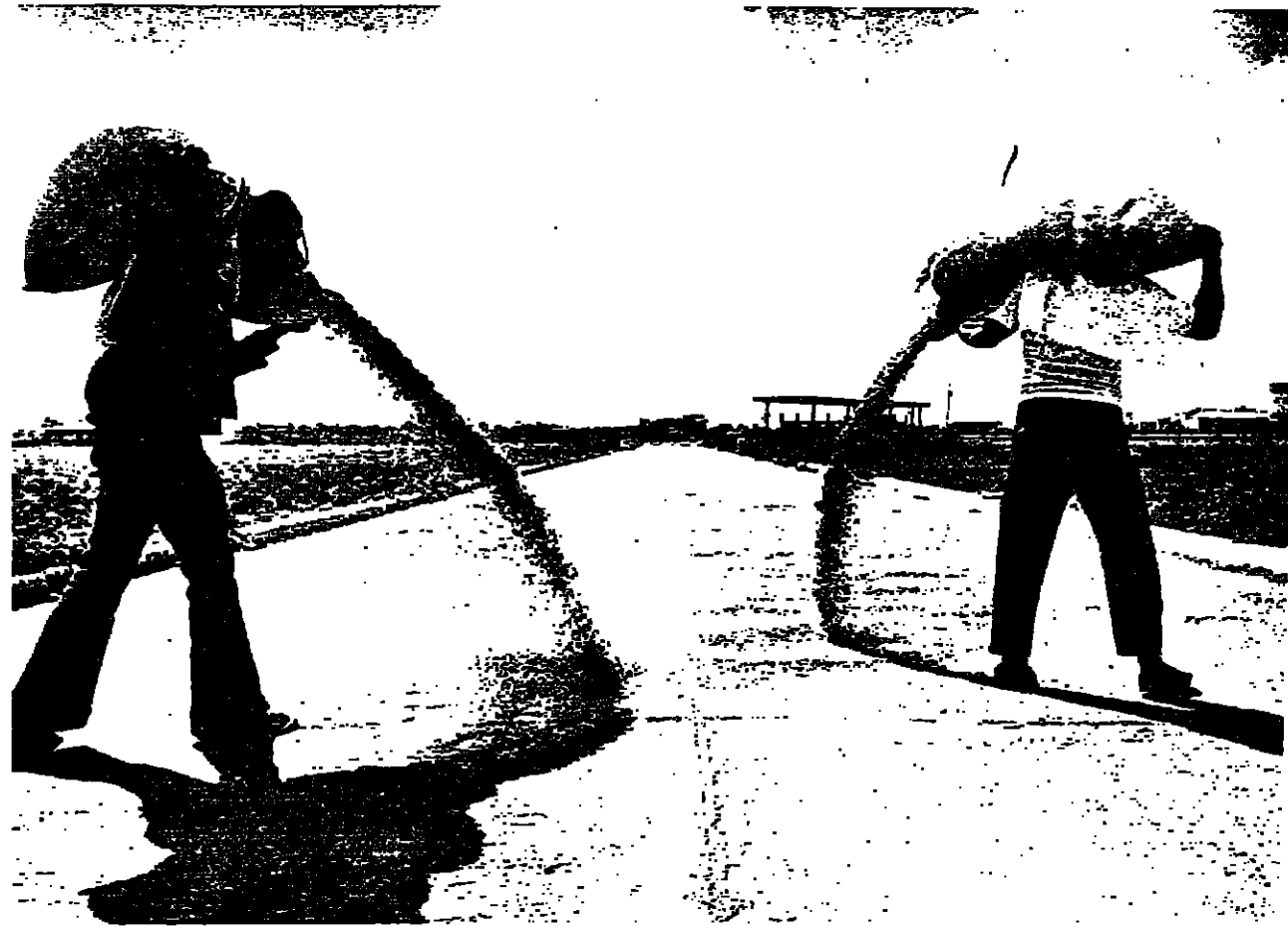
been flooded to a depth of about four inches.

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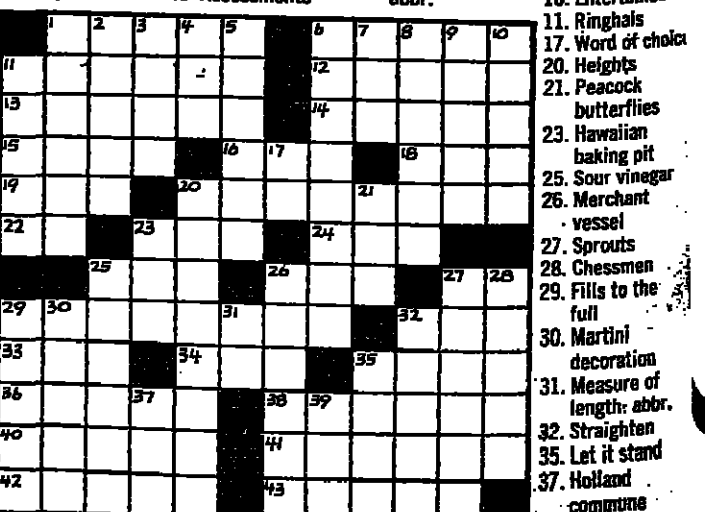
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Soufriere volcano threatens to be a 100-megaton explosion

LA-PIRE, Guadeloupe Aug. 17 (R) — Scientists today are waiting for weather — the islands of French Caribbean territory being drenched by tropical rains, which added to the misadventure of 70,000 evacuees from a 1,480-metre (4,865 foot) peninsula Basse-Terre island, one of the two that comprise Guadeloupe.

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But he could offer no guarantee to 50 old people who refused to go. They included an aged priest who said he would not leave his village church.

After the night of tremors a spokesman at the prefecture (local administration headquarters) here said: "The situation has not changed since the tremors and explosions at the volcano's peak."

"The tremors were felt in Pointe-a-Pitre but they caused no panic. People were woken up and many stuck their heads out of the window to see what was going on."

At Rabat conference

Development ministers discuss autonomous Arab technology

RABAT, Aug. 17, (R) — The Arab World must develop its own science and technology because imported techniques can lead to political dependence said Mr. Amadou Mahtar Mbow, Director General of the U.N. Organisation for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) here yesterday.

At the opening of the conference of ministers of Arab states responsible for the application of science and technology to development (Castarab), M. Mbow stressed that there must be a scientific renaissance in the Arab World.

He noted that the Arabs had led the world in experimental science in centuries past, particularly in chemistry, botany, medicine, pharmacy, astronomy and geography, and this "guarantees the possibility of a scientific renewal."

"Scientific and technical knowledge should not be imported like manufactured goods," M. Mbow said, and if 90 per cent of research was concentrated in developed countries the Arab World must have its own autonomous scientific activity adapted to the special conditions in the area.

He noted that between one and two dollars per capita was spent in the Arab World on research and development when it was between 50 & 100 in most industrialised countries.

The opening of the ten-day conference was attended by delegates from 16 Arab states with Mauritania as an observer. The Yemen Republic, Somalia and Algeria did not attend the opening.

A dozen U.N. agencies and nine states from outside the Arab World are also attending as observers. The conference, which was official visit on August 19, official sources said Tuesday.

The Canadian prime minister will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Mudar Badran on bilateral relations and the latest developments of the Middle East crisis.

Diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level have been established between Jordan and Canada two years ago and relations between the two countries have greatly improved during that period, in particular in the tourist field.

Canada has recently made known its willingness to finance a \$50 million tourist project to be set up on the coast of Aqaba.

The Canadian government had also commissioned at an earlier date an expedition for oil exploration in Jordan.

POLISARIO claims sabotage of key Sahara mines

ALGIERS, Aug. 17 (AFP) — Nationalist guerrillas today claimed to have stopped all production at the Bu Craa phosphate mines in Western Sahara (formerly Spanish) Sahara, source of the territory's only wealth, by sabotaging power lines and the conveyor belt from the mines to the sea.

In a statement published here, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia el Hamra and Rio de Oro (POLISARIO) said the conveyor system was put out of operation over a four kilometre stretch last Thursday.

Earlier, all production at Bu Craa was halted when the guerrillas destroyed electric power lines, the statement said.

"The wealth lying under our land belongs to our people who are fighting for their independence and it will be exploited only by them," the Algerian-backed front said.

POLISARIO opposes the annexation of Western Sahara by Mauritania and Morocco under their agreement with Spain.

The two countries partitioned the territory at the end of February.

Pakistan - France nuclear deal will not be delayed

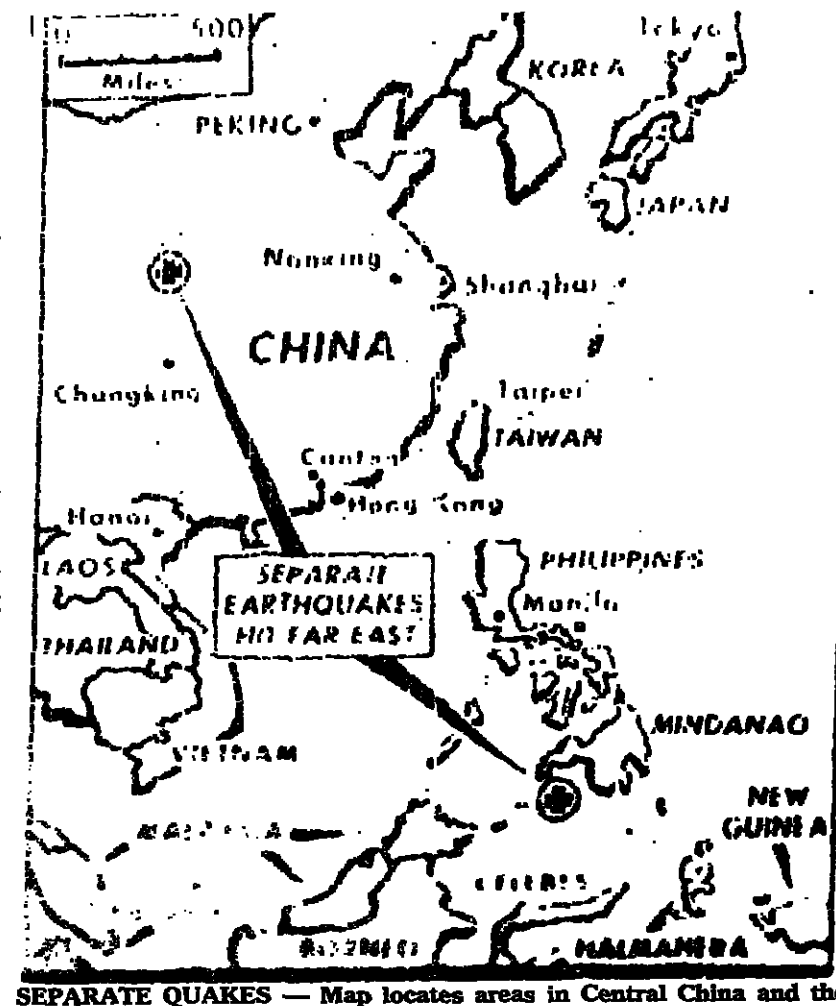
ISLAMABAD, Aug. 17, (AFP) — Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs Aziz Ahmad today ruled out the possibility of any delay in Pakistan's purchase of a nuclear reprocessing plant from France.

Asked at a press conference here whether the hostile United States attitude toward the proposed purchase was likely to affect Pakistan's plans in this connection, Mr. Ahmad replied that he did not expect any delay in the implementation of the purchase agreement.

The project, at a predicted cost to Pakistan of some \$150 million, was the main topic at a meeting here earlier this month between Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Mr. Aziz rejected a reporter's suggestion that U.S. objections to the deal were likely to harm what Mr. Aziz had earlier described as Pakistan's "very good" relations with the U.S.

"We do not expect that," he said.



SEPARATE EARTHQUAKES — Map locates areas in Central China and the Philippines where serious earthquakes struck within a two hour period Monday. (AP wirephoto).

Sudan intensifies Eritrean mediation efforts

KHARTOUM, Aug. 17, (R) — Sudan is conducting "intensified contacts" with the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) in its efforts to mediate between them and the Ethiopian government, the Sudan News Agency said today.

The Sudan, which borders Ethiopia, has been acting behind the scenes to try to end the fighting between Ethiopian government troops and the Eritrean Liberation Front - People's Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF).

In February President Jaafar el Nimeiry of Sudan proposed a peace conference to be preceded by a ceasefire and amnesty by the government for all who had taken part in the fighting.

Ethiopia accepted this in principle and in May, head of state Terer Bante offered wide-ranging pardons and clemency to what he described as "Eritrean progressives."

Chamoun delivers ultimatum

[Continued from page 1] Salam Jallud, the sources said, had telephoned this information to Libyan Deputy Foreign Minister Abu Zaid Durda, who is at present in Beirut.

The agreement was also discussed with Syrian leaders by a Phalangist delegation that returned here today from Damascus.

The delegation leader, Karim Bagradun, had a meeting on his return with Mr. Franjeh. Phalangist sources said that Syria's attitude would remain unchanged.

Gen. Assad, who is in Colombo for the Non-Aligned Summit, today expressed the hope that both sides in Lebanon would "collaborate" to get out of the crisis and foil the great conspiracy that has been hatched against Lebanon, the Palestinian cause, and the Arab nation.

The leftwing radio, monitored in Nicosia, reported that President-elect Elias Sarkis might have a meeting soon with Gen. Assad.

The radio, quoting sources close to Mr. Sarkis, said the meeting's aim would be to enable Mr. Sarkis to reach an agreement with Gen. Assad on the Syrian presence in Lebanon.

Unified Vietnam demands U.S. aid

[Continued from page 1] The list of people wanting to speak at the plenary sessions of the four-day summit has caused severe scheduling problems.

Tonight, some 60 delegation leaders had yet to speak and the strain of the long hours was reflected by many empty seats in the hall when Mr. Pham spoke late this afternoon.

The Vietnamese premier said Hanoi was prepared for many-sided relations of friendship and cooperation with its neighbours in South East Asia.

Mr. Pham specifically attacked the U.S. over its role in Korea, the Middle East and in Latin America. He joined Indian Ocean states in demanding total U.S. withdrawal from that region.

President Makarios said Turkey's invasion of Cyprus had "genocidal features" and its intent was dismemberment and colonisation of two-fifths of the island.

To find a parallel with Turkey's actions in Cyprus, "one would have to look to the Nazi atrocities or the Armenian massacres in Turkey or go back to the times of Attila," Archbishop Makarios said.

Tolerance of Turkey's activities in Cyprus had emboldened the Turks.

"The current crisis in the Aegean, where she has provoked a serious confrontation with Greece, is further proof of her expansionist policy and mentality," the archbishop said.

China announces second quake was major but damage slight

PEKING, Aug. 17, (R) — A major earthquake which hit western China last night registered strong shocks in a provincial capital with a population of more than three million, the New China News Agency said today.

In its first official account of the earthquake — 24 hours after it was reported by foreign seismologists — the agency said the epicentre was in the Sungpan-Pingwu area, near the borders of Szechwan and Kanzu provinces.

It said the quake registered 7.2 on the Richter scale and "strong shocks were felt in Chengtu (the provincial capital)."

The agency gave no details of casualties but said damage was slight in China's second major earthquake in less than a month.

A massive earthquake east of here three weeks ago devastated the industrial city of Tangshan, killing thousands.

Reporting on yesterday's earthquake the news agency said "The damage was very slight because the Chinese seismological department forecast the earthquake and the Szechwan provincial committee had taken precautionary measures beforehand."

It said: "Our great leader Chairman Mao, the party Central Committee and the State Council are very much concerned for the people in the stricken area."

The two towns mentioned in the official reports, Pingwu and Sungpan, have a population of fewer than 20,000 each but accurate estimates were not available for the region, which has not been visited by foreigners for many years.

The area is rugged and mountainous and observers said most of the population would be concentrated in the valley.

Observers said mention of "strong shocks" in Chengtu indicated some damage was probably sustained there.

The report said army and civilian medical teams were rushed to the stricken area immediately after the quake.

The highly fertile area between Chengtu and the epicentre supports the densest population in China with large areas of more than 520 people per square mile (200 per square km).

The important Chengtu-North China railway runs within 40 miles (65 km) of Pingwu.

Szechwan is a traditional danger zone for earthquakes. In 1973, a quake of 7.9 on the Richter scale rocked the west of the province, near the Tibet border, and the official press admitted it caused "loss of life."

The following year, a shock registering 7.0 on the Richter scale shook south Szechwan, near the Yunnan frontier.

Crown Prince opens Housing Bank branch in Fhais

AMMAN, Aug. 17, (JNA) — In an address during the opening ceremony of a branch of the Housing Bank at the town of Fhais, H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan asserted the necessity of distributing the Kingdom's population on a planned and scientific basis to make possible the extension of public services to all areas of the Kingdom.

Prince Hassan explained the importance of housing in bringing about an equitable distribution of the population through the low cost housing projects.

The government intends to carry out projects to raise the social and economic standards of the citizens, the Crown Prince stressed.

Mr. Zuhair Khouri, the Housing Bank President, revealed that the bank's financial plans are being coordinated with the Central Bank of Jordan and the Housing Corporation to avoid duplication of efforts.

The Bank has granted 4500 loans during the current year totaling J.D. 22 million, to subsidize 6770 housing units, he said.

The opening ceremony, which took place Tuesday night, was attended by several cabinet members and local officials.



PREMIER ON BAIL — Former Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka seated in centre, leaves the Tokyo Detention House in a black limousine Tuesday, after he was released on bail, one day after his indictment on bribery charges in connection with the Lockheed pay-off scandal. (AP wirephoto).

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market erased or reversed early penny gains among industrial stocks of interest and the effects of the drought on industry, dealers Government stocks were also off the top after initial buying on yield considerations, with net gains of up to 1/8 seen in

and up to 1/16 in shorts. At 1500 the F.T. index was down 0.2 at 377.0.

Yields turned back to overnight levels after gains of up to 4p while yields were narrowly mixed.

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